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same week preceding the Grand Jury hearing, Mrs. Gibson came to Sipel's farm around 10 A.M. or possibly a little later. At that time Sipel lived on Cedar Grove Lane and kept his stock at the Berry Farm. Mrs. Gibson stated that Mrs. Russell had accused her of stealing a couple of her pigs, and that in view of the fact that Sipel was the man who had sold the pigs to Mrs. Russell, she (Mrs. Gibson) desired him to come to her house and look over her stock to see if he could determine whether or not any of the pigs which she had were the same pigs which he had previously sold to Mrs. Russell. Sipel told Mrs. Gibson that it would be a very difficult matter to distinguish between various pigs, but agreed finally to go to her farm that afternoon. Mrs. Gibson, after other conversation, spoke about being mixed up in the Hall-Mills murder case, and said that she would like to find the car that pulled into De Russey's Lane on the night of the 14th of Sept. and then backed out, so that she could have someone to corroborate her in her story as to what she had seen as the lights of this automobile were reflected up the Lane. She said that she had made various efforts to find this car, but had been unable to do so, and that if the car could be located it would be the one missing link which the state is desirous of getting, and would complete their case. That she would give One hundred dollars to know whose machine it was, and get hold of the people who were driving it. There was a general conversation in which Sipel expressed surprise that she was willing to pay \$100 out of her own pocket for this information, and also expressed surprise at her for taking such an interest in the case. During the course of the discussion, she then opened up with a proposition to Sipel that as he was a man engaged in cattle trading, and carried around a considerable sum of money, that he could fill in this missing link, and all that he would have to do would be to back her up by telling the following story, namely: That on the night in question he was driving out Easton Avenue from New Brunswick to his home, and when he came to De Russey's Lane he decided to cross over to Hamilton Avenue. After turning into De Russey's Lane, and proceeding a little ways on saw an auto standing to the left of the road, and two men and a woman close by. He did not need to identify these people. A little further up the road to the right he also noticed a horse or a mule with either a man or a woman riding it, as in view of the fact that he had considerable cash on his person, he felt that he was going to be held up, and therefore proceeded to back out toward Easton Avenue and as he did so, the lights from his car threw a reflection down the land and it was then that he saw the things which she outlined were necessary to corroborate her statement. That if he would tell such a story, she would give him \$100. right away. That there was no one who could dispute the fact that he was there. That she herself could say that he was the man, and that the people would not dare say that he was not the man, as by doing so they would admit they themselves were present at the time. She mentioned how somebody had received \$25 from some newspaper for posing, and how she has received \$50 for posing for a picture for a newspaper in West Virginia.

Sipel declined to have anything to do with the matter, and Mrs. Gibson proceeded to tell him that he was foolish not to make the money; that it was easier than dealing in cattle, and Sipel persisted in his refusal.